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AIR FORCE
BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREE

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1 November 1944.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject: War Diary, October 1944.

Reference: (a) Pac Fleet conf. ltr. 2CL-44.

Enclosure: (A) Monthly Operation Summary, October 1944.

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ORGANIZATION

(a) Administrative:

Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet.
Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet.
Commander Fleet Air, West Coast.
Commander Fleet Airships, Pacific
and Commander, Fleet Airship Wing Three.
Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three - Tillamook, Oregon.
Lieutenant Commander William R. Peeler, USN.

(b) Operational:

Commander, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Force 116)
Commander, Northwestern Group, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Group 116.3)
Commander Aircraft, Northwestern Group, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Unit 116.3.1)
Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three - NAS Tillamook, Oregon.
5 ZNP: K-71, K-79, K-87, K-103, K-119.

Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three alsc conducts operations from NAAS, North Bend, Oregon and NAAS, Quillayute, Washington.
Operations during October consisted mainly of escort and patrol operations within the Northwestern Sector of the Western Sea Frontier. The average daily availability as of the close of the month is four airships, three of which are customarily utilized for escort missions or patrols and one for operational training flights.

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The K-119, pilot Engel, while on an escort mission, stood by as an air-sea rescue unit during practice runs of VC squadrons on BB 55.

9 October

Due to the imminent approach of unseasonable weather, operations of this squadron at NAAS Quillayute, Washington, which had been employed as an auxiliary base, were suspended.

10 October

The K-119, pilot Lt. Comdr. Peeler, made a landing on and takeoff from the USS YORKTOWN as a part of the operations scheduled under ComFairSeattle Training Plan 1-44. FairSeattle observers were picked up and returned to base.

15 October

The K-79 was ferried to NAS Moffett Field, California for major overhaul.

16 October

Admiral Charles E. Rosendahl, USN, Chief of Naval Airship Training and Experimentation, and Captain H. N. Coulter, USN, Commander Fleet Airships, Pacific, visited the squadron.

16 October

The K-87, temporarily based at NAAS North Bend, Oregon, at the request of the Commanding Officer of VC-71, took aerial photographs of the crash of a TBF of that squadron in the residential area of Coquille, Oregon. Due to a ceiling of between 200 and 300 feet, airplanes were not able to accomplish this photographic mission.

17 October

The crash of the K-111 in mountainous terrain on Santa Catalina Island brought death to five members of an airship crew of this squadron who were on temporary duty undergoing training at Fleet Airships Pacific Tactical Unit, NAAF Del Mar, California. Those of this command killed were:

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Lt(jg) Wallis H. Marriage, A-V(N), USNR; Lt(jg) Thomas R. Smith, A-V(N), USNR; Ensign Edward T. Gorski, A-V(N), USNR; Preston L. Girard, ARM3c, V-6, USNR; Gordon F. Kaiser, AMM2c, V-6, USNR. Lieut. Thomas H. Ralston, A-V(N), USNR, one of the original members of this squadron who had been recently transferred to Fleet Airships Pacific Tactical Unit, died as a result of burns received at the crash. Ernst H. Jarke, Jr., AMM3c, V-6, USNR, and James R. Barker, APlc, USN, who received serious injuries, are expected to recover. The other two members of the crew, Robert N. Cravens, ARMlc, USN and Bertie Lee Samuels, AM2c, V-6, USNR, received slight injuries and will shortly be returned to duty.

17 October

The K-87 searched for a crashed plane of VC-71, results were negative.

18 October

The K-87 conducted an eight hour search for the plane mentioned under entry of 17 October, results were negative.

19 October 1

The K-103 was dispatched to search for the pilots of two planes from VC-72 which had crashed approximately one mile south of Destruction Island. Prior to the arrival of the airship, one pilot was retrieved from the water by the Coast Guard. The K-103 marked the area to be searched with oil slicks and stood by while surface craft conducted further search for the pilot of the second plane. Results were negative.

23 October

Memorial services for the officers and men killed in the crash mentioned under entry of 17 October were held in Hangar "B".

At personnel inspection on this date, the Commanding Officer commended Lieut. Lawrence B. Caine, A-V(G), USNR, for being the first to volunteer to be "rescued" by the use of the air-sea-land rescue gear developed by this squadron.

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25 October

A flight of 28 hours, 7 minutes, the longest in the history of this squadron, was completed on this date by the K-103, pilot Gustafson. The K-103 had started a routine patrol at 0700 on 24 October, a heavy fog reduced visibility to zero in the vicinity of NAS Tillamook, making it impossible for the airship to land until 1106 on 25 October.

27 October

The K-119 made an overland flight to Portland, Oregon to participate in Navy Day ceremonies conducted there.

28 October

Operations were suspended at NAAS North Bend, Oregon, which had been used as an auxiliary base, due to expected weather conditions.

Training in this command has continued as outlined in the war diary submitted for the month of September 1944. In addition, crews have been checked out in the use of the air-sea-land rescue gear developed by this squadron.

There were no non-operational days during the month.

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DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS IN AIR	HOURS ON MISSION	AVE. WIND VEL. (KTS)	AVE. WIND DIR.	SPD.	DIST.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
1	K-71	LT(JG) HARPER (9)	PATROL ESCORT (3)	0732	10.3	9.7	10	100t	40	400	10, UNL, UNL	14 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED YOKE FOUR ESCORTED BB 55, DD 349, DD354
1	K-79	ENS. JACKSON (9)	TEST	0835	1.7	1.7	8	360t	45	80	5-12, UNL, UNL	NONE	TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES
1	K-79	LT(JG) MARRIAGE (9)	TRAINING	1022	3.4	3.4	2	180t	50	150	1-2, UNL, UNL	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
1	K-79	LT(JG) PRIEST (8)	TRAINING	1359	4.2	4.2	8	360t	45	180	5-12, UNL, UNL	1 DYE MARKER 1 BRONZE SLICK 6 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 9 FLARES	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE AND PRACTICE LANDINGS
1	K-87	LT(JG) BAILEY (8)	PATROL	0658	10.9	10.1	15	340t	50	478	15, 5-6000, 0-3-	50 RDS 50 CAL 4 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
1	K-103	LIEUT. LETT (8)	PATROL	0726	10.1	9.6	10	360t	43	430	5-15, 3000-UNL, 15-UNL	60 RDS 50 CAL 10 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	PATROLED XRAY SIX
1	K-119	LIEUT. WOERFEL (8)	ESCORT (3)	0503	13.2	12.6	5	225t	46	600	4-6, UNL, 10-30	NONE	ESCORTED CVE 110
2	K-71	LT(JG) GAEBE (8)	PATROL	0747	10.1	9.3	12	182t	44	390	10-26, 6-3000, 3-30	10 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 BRONZE SLICK 40 RDS 50 CAL 1 FLARE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
2	K-79	LT(JG) ZOELLER (10)	TRAINING	0909	4.1	4.1	7	180t	45	90	5-8, UNL, UNL	1 MK 17 BOMB 5 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 2 FLARES	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
2	K-79	LIEUT. GUSTAFSON (7)	TRAINING	1323	4.1	4.1	13	180t	40	150	5-20, 3500, 10-UNL	35 RDS 50 CAL	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
2	K-87	LIEUT. CARTON (8)	PATROL	0658	10.7	9.3	7	270t	47	450	7, 0-UNL, 0-UNL	1 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 20 RDS 50 CAL 15 RDS 30 CAL 1 FLARE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
2	K-103	LT(JG) ZDRALE (10)	ESCORT (3)	1054	10.7	10.3	10	330t	32	330	10, UNL, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED BB 55, DD 349, DD 354
2	K-119	LT.COMDR. KEIM (10)	ESCORT (3)	0527	9.5	8.9	8	325t	40	420	5, UNL, UNL	1 FLARE	ESCORTED BB 55, DD 349, DD 354
3	K-71	LIEUT. KELLY (9)	PATROL	0902	8.8	7.6	15	225t	43	370	10-20, 200-UNL, 1-22	NONE	PATROL XRAY SIX
3	K-103	LT(JG) LEE (12)	TRAINING	0859	1.2	1.2	7	315t	45	55	7, 500, 2	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
3	K-103	LIEUT. LETT (12)	TRAINING	1013	1.0	1.0	7	315t	45	45	7, 500, 2	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
3	K-103	LIEUT. LETT (13)	TRAINING	1313	0.9	0.9	7	315t	45	40	7, 500, 2	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
4	K-71	LT(JG) GAEBE (8)	PATROL	0628	6.4	5.7	25	200t	41	245	20-30, 1-2000, 10-20	2 MK 17 BOMBS	PATROLED XRAY FIVE-AMMO EXPD THG
4	K-79	LT(JG) ZIMEL (10)	TRAINING	0944	3.5	3.5	20	225t	30	100	20, 5-1000, 20	100 RDS 50 CAL	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
4	K-79	LIEUT. CARTON (9)	TRAINING	1319	1.8	1.8	30	180t	20	35	28-33, 1000, 5	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
4	K-87	LIEUT. GUSTAFSON (9)	ESCORT (1)	0659	8.7	8.2	30	180t	36	300	20-35, 5-2000, 10-UNL	NONE	ESCORTED APA USS PICKENS
4	K-103	LT(JG) ZDRALE (8)	PATROL	0753	9.7	9.1	20	330t	45	477	15-25, UNL, 30	1 FLARE	PATROLED XRAY SEVEN
4	K-119	LT(JG) MACKEY (9)	PATROL	0824	7.7	7.2	19	225t	40	318	17-22, 18-2000, 4-15	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
5	K-71	LT(JG) GAEBE (8)	FERRY PATROL	0845	2.6	2.6	6	225t	60	160	6, UNL, UNL	2 MK 17 BOMBS	FERRIED K-71 NAS TILLAMOOK TO NAAS QUILLAYUTE AMMO EXPENDED TRAINING PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
5	K-71	LT(JG) HARPER (8)	FERRY PATROL	1215	5.2	5.2	10	180t	40	210	10, UNL, UNL	2 RDS 50 CAL	FERRIED K-71 NAAS QUILLAYUTE TO NAS TILLAMOOK PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
5	K-79	LT.COMDR. PEELER (9)	TRAINING	0951	3.5	3.5	12	180t	45	125	9-16, UNL, 5-25	1 MK 17 BOMB 4 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 DYE MARKER 2 FLARES	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
5	K-79	ENS. AYERS (9)	TRAINING	1332	4.6	4.6	6	180t	45	150	5-8, UNL, 8-15	12 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 10 FLARES 25 RDS 50 CAL	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
5	K-87	LT(JG) BAILEY (9)	PATROL	0703	11.3	10.4	10	315t	55	575	10, 5000, 30	12 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	PATROLED XRAY SIX
5	K-103	LT(JG) ZDRALE (9)	FERRY PATROL	0843	2.6	2.6	18	250t	50	120	18, UNL, UNL	NONE	FERRIED K-103 NAS TILLAMOOK TO NAAS NORTH BEND PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
5	K-103	LIEUT. LETT (10)	FERRY PATROL	1224	5.4	5.4	10	160t	55	330	5-12, UNL, 20	12 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 100 RDS 50 CAL	FERRIED K-103 NAAS NORTH BEND TO NAS TILLAMOOK PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH

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5	K-119	LIEUT. WOERFEL (9)	PATROL	0700	11.0	9.8	7	225t	50	530	5-10, 1-UNL, 20-30	NONE	PATROLED XRAY FIVE
6	K-71	LT(JG) BAILEY (8)	ESCORT PATROL (4)	0904	12.1	11.6	20	070t	36	406	20, UNL, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED BB 45, DD 348, DD 353, DD 355 PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
6	K-79	LT.COMDR. MC CANN (10)	TRAINING	0908	4.1	4.1	8	015t	20	80	8, UNL, UNL	8 RDS 50 CAL 1 MK 17 BOMB 10 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 2 BRONZE SLICKS 2 FLARES	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
6	K-79	LT(JG) RICHARDSON (9)	TRAINING	1326	4.2	4.2	8	315t	40	150	8, UNL, UNL	67 RDS 50 CAL 2 FLARES	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
6	K-87	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	ESCORT (1)	0903	10.7	10.4	13	060t	45	500	10-15, UNL, UNL	25 RDS 30 CAL	ESCORTED CVE 55
6	K-103	LT(JG) ZOELLER (10)	PATROL	0655	11.9	11.4	10	045t	50	500	10, UNL, 30	15 FLARES 1 DYE MARKER 10 RDS 50 CAL 2 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	PATROLED XRAY FIVE
6	K-119	LT(JG) ANDERSON (9)	PATROL	0700	10.5	9.8	10	000t	44	450	10, UNL, UNL,	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
7	K-71	LT(JG) GAEBE (9)	ESCORT (1)	0951	6.6	6.1	8	180t	40	230	6-10, UNL, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED CVE 55
7	K-79	LIEUT. LETT (8)	TRAINING	0905	4.2	4.2	4	135t	50	100	3-5, 150-UNL, 0-10	10 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 MK 17 BOMB 22 RDS 50 CAL 1 BRONZE SLICK	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
7	K-79	LT(JG) KRETSCHMER (9)	TRAINING	1320	4.2	4.2	3	180t	50	175	3, 2-800, 1-6	50 RDS 50 CAL	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
7	K-87	LT(JG) ZDRALE (10)	ESCORT (4)	1002	8.1	7.8	3	200t	40	282	3, UNL, 30	NONE	ESCORTED BB45, DD 348, DD 353, DD 355
7	K-103	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	ESCORT (1)	0534	8.5	8.0	4	225t	52	420	4, UNL, 30	NONE	MISSION NOT CONTACTED DUE TO CHANGE OF COURSE OF MISSION SHIP
7	K-119	LT(JG) SUHR (9)	ESCORT (4)	0532	9.9	9.4	4	315t	32	315	3-6, UNL, 15-30	2 FLARES	ESCORTED BB 45, DD 348, DD 353, DD 355
8	K-71	LT(JG) BAILEY (8)	ESCORT (4)	0600	12.2	11.7	10	315t	30	390	2-15, 1500-UNL, 30	NONE	ESCORTED BB 45, DD 348, DD 353, DD 355
8	K-79	LT(JG) RICHARDSON (9)	PATROL	0655	10.9	9.9	15	180t	45	475	15, 800, 5	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
8	K-87	LT(JG) ZIMEL (9)	PATROL	0728	9.9	8.9	23	000t	48	480	23, 0-3000, 0-30	25 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY SIX
8	K-103	LT(JG) MACKEY (9)	PATROL	0655	11.1	9.9	18	340t	40	435	18, 2000, 15	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
8	K-119	LT(JG) LEWIS (8)	TRAINING	0856	4.3	4.3	11	180t	40	150	11, 1000, 10	63 RDS 50 CAL 1 BRONZE SLICK	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
8	K-119	LT.COMDR. MC CANN (9)	TRAINING	1334	1.6	1.6	5	270t	30	45	5, 1000, 10	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
9	K-71	LT(JG) GAEBE (9)	PATROL	0743	10.1	9.2	20	360t	49	415	18-22, UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
9	K-79	LIEUT. LETT (10)	PATROL	0659	10.5	9.7	26	020t	43	430	16-30, UNL, 10-12	50 RDS 50 CAL 12 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 FLARE 1 BRONZE SLICK	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
9	K-87	LT(JG) ZDRALE (9)	PATROL	0730	10.0	9.5	27	012t	30	293	25-30, 3000, UNL	60 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY SIX
9	K-119	LT.COMDR. KEIM (10)	TRAINING	0901	4.2	4.2	14	000t	48	180	11-16, 2000-UNL, 5-20	7 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 FLARES	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
9	K-119	LT(JG) KLICA (9)	TRAINING	1320	4.9	4.9	25	340t	45	180	25, UNL, UNL	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
10	K-71	LT(JG) BROOKS (10)	PATROL	0712	10.6	9.6	15	045t	40	375	3-30, UNL, UNL	16 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
10	K-79	LT(JG) RICHARDSON (9)	TRAINING	0918	4.0	4.0	15	045t	40	140	10-20, UNL, UNL	64 RDS 50 CAL 1 MK 17 BOMB 2 BRONZE SLICKS 5 FLARES	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
10	K-79	LT(JG) LEWIS (8)	TRAINING	1321	4.6	4.6	14	090t	45	180	10-18, UNL, 8-12	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
10	K-87	LT(JG) CHRISLER (9)	ESCORT (1)	0629	11.3	10.7	14	090t	23	250	14, 0-UNL, 0-UNL	NONE	ESCORTED CV 10
10	K-119	LT.COMDR. PEELER (9)	ESCORT (1)	1305	4.0	3.8	20	180t	55	225	10-30, 300-UNL, 1-10	2 MK 17 BOMBS FOR BALLAST	ESCORTED CV 10, LANDED ABOARD CV 10 TO RECEIVE TWO OFFICER PASSENGERS
10	K-119	LT.COMDR. PEELER (11)	ESCORT (1)	1709	5.5	5.2	20	180t	55	275	10-30, 300-UNL, 1-10	NONE	TAKE-OFF FROM CV 10, ESCORTED CV 10
11	K-71	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	PATROL	0659	10.9	10.2	10	180t	47	520	10, 0-4000, 0-10	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH

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11	K-79	LIEUT. CAINE (9)	TRAINING	0857	4.3	4.3	6	200t	40	100	5-7, 3-400, 3-4	39 RDS 50 CAL 7 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 2 BRONZE SLICKS 2 FLARES	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
11	K-79	LT(JG) SUHR (8)	TRAINING	1319	4.4	4.4	7	200t	50	150	7, 3-500, 2-5	20 RDS 50 CAL 1 MK 17 BOMB 4 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 FLARE	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
11	K-87	LT(JG) ZIMEL (10)	PATROL	0729	9.8	9.5	10	180t	50	500	10, 300-1000, 5	100 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY SIX
11	K-119	LIEUT. KELLY (9)	PATROL ESCORT (1)	0656	13.8	13.2	7	210	40	700	5-12, 0-UNL, 1-15	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH ESCORTED AT FREDERICK SYRES
12	K-71	LT(JG) LEVIN (9)	TRAINING	0925	4.0	4.0	5	210t	35	130	5, 500, 1000	NONE	CONDUCTED EMERGENCY DRILLS
12	K-71	LT.COMDR. MC CANN (11)	TRAINING	1332	1.6	1.6	0		40	50	0, 800, 1	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
12	K-79	LT(JG) RICHARDSON (8)	PATROL	0706	10.8	9.8	5	220t	45	480	5, 300, 2	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
12	K-87	LT(JG) CHRISLER (9)	PATROL	1035	6.7	6.3	5	245t	40	280	5, 1000, 10	1 MK 17 BOMB 60 RDS 50 CAL 50 RDS 30 CAL 1 FLARE 1 DYE MARKER	PATROLED XRAY SEVEN CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
12	K-119	LIEUT. GUSTAFSON (8)	PATROL	0658	11.1	10.1	5	220t	50	525	2-12, 600-1000, 1-10	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
13	K-71	LIEUT. LETT (8)	TRAINING	0900	4.3	4.3	6	160t	35	140	5-7, 0-500, 0-3	NONE	CONDUCTED EMERGENCY DRILLS
13	K-79	LIEUT. WOERFEL (9)	PATROL	0653	11.0	9.9	8	210t	52	520	5-11, 300-1000, 1-5	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
13	K-87	LT(JG) ZIMEL (9)	PATROL	0736	9.9	9.7	10	270t	50	525	10, 300-600, 0-10	NONE	PATROLED XRAY SEVEN
13	K-119	LT(JG) BAILEY (9)	ESCORT (1)	0423	13.8	13.4	10	180t	53	585	7-13, 500-1000, 2	NONE	ESCORTED APA 149
14	K-71	LT(JG) ZDRALE (9)	PATROL	0701	10.9	9.9	4	180t	45	485	3-5, 1000, 10	180 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
14	K-79	LIEUT. LEDDEN (10)	TRAINING	0855	4.5	4.5	5	180t	45	190	5, UNL, UNL	1 MK 17 BOMB 3 FLARES 120 RDS 50 CAL 4 BRONZE SLICKS	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
14	K-87	LT(JG) CHRISLER (8)	PATROL	0733	9.8	9.2	5	045t	47	473	5, 300, 5	NONE	PATROLED XRAY SEVEN
14	K-103	LT.COMDR. ODELL (10)	TEST	0902	4.1	4.1	5	180t	40	160	5, UNL, UNL	NONE	TESTED ENGINES AND SHIPS CONTROLS
14	K-103	LT(JG) MACKEY (8)	TRAINING	1314	4.3	4.3	0	CALM	40	150	0, 1200, 0-UNL	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
14	K-119	LT(JG) ANDERSON (9)	PATROL	0707	4.5	4.2	0	CALM	50	160	0, 500, 5	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
14	K-119	LT(JG) ANDERSON (9)	PATROL	1331	4.2	3.6	0	CALM	50	163	0, UNL, 5	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
15	K-71	LT(JG) GAEBE (8)	PATROL	0703	10.8	10.0	9	045t	46	490	7-12, 0-200, 0-10	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
15	K-79	LT(JG) MACKEY (9)	FERRY	0712	9.9	9.9	5	000t	54	540	0-10, 0-500, 0-3	NONE	FERRIED K-79 FROM NAS TILLAMOOK TO NAS MOFFETT FIELD
15	K-87	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	PATROL	0739	9.6	9.3	15	180t	50	500	15, 0-500, 0-30	3 MK 23 BOMBS PRAC 100 RDS 30 CAL 25 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY 7
15	K-103	LT(JG) PRIEST (7)	TRAINING	0905	4.2	4.2	10	180t	45	160	10, UNL, 10	NONE	CONDUCTED EMERGENCY DRILLS
15	K-103	LT(JG) BAILEY (9)	TRAINING	1320	4.7	4.7	8	325t	32	125	8, UNL, UNL	NONE	CONDUCTED EMERGENCY DRILLS
15	K-119	LT(JG) SUHR (9)	PATROL	0705	11.1	9.8	8	090t	46	452	5-12, UNL, 3-5	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
16	K-87	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	PATROL	0736	10.2	9.7	5	180t	50	500	5, 300-600, 3-5	50 RDS 30 CAL 50 RDS 50 CAL 1 MK 17 BOMB	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES
16	K-103	LIEUT. GUSTAFSON (8)	PATROL	0655	10.7	10.0	8	210t	43	440	6-10, UNL, 5	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
16	K-119	LIEUT. HOSMER (8)	TRAINING	0859	4.2	4.2	8	150t	48	100	6-10, UNL, UNL	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
16	K-119	LIEUT. WOERFEL (10)	TRAINING	1333	2.3	2.3	10	220t	40	90	5-15, 300-UNL, 1-10	NONE	CONDUCTED AIR-SEA-RESCUE EXERCISES
16	K-119	LIEUT. WOERFEL (10)	TRAINING	1610	1.3	1.3	10	220t	40	50	5-15, 200-UNL, 1-10	NONE	CONDUCTED AIR-SEA-RESCUE EXERCISES
17	K-87	LT(JG) BABB (8)	PATROL	0651	12.4	11.8	13	045t	46	520	5-22, 150-300, 1-2	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH SEARCHED FOR CRASHED PLANE
17	K-103	LIEUT. HOSMER (9)	PATROL	0702	10.8	10.2	10	045t	45	450	4-20, 0-UNL, 0-10	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
17	K-119	LT(JG) LEVIN (7)	TRAINING	0945	3.4	3.4	7	000t	50	130	7, FOG, 0	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS

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DESIGNATION:
OPERATING UNDER: NORTH WESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER
OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: PLAN 1-44 (SERIAL 013) NWSEC WSF
ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC
COMPOSITION: 5 ZNP K-TYPE AIRSHIPS
BASED AT: NAVAL AIRSTATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON
NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, QUILLAYUTE, WASHINGTON (ADVANCE OPERATING BASE NO. 1)
NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, NORTH BEND, OREGON (ADVANCE OPERATING BASE NO. 2)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS IN AIR	HOURS ON MISSION	AVE. WIND VEL. (KTS)	AVE. WIND DIR.	SPD.	DIST.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
17	K-119	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (6)	TRAINING	1316	4.4	4.4	7	000t	55	240	7, UNL, UNL	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
18	K-87	LT(JG) CHRISLER (8)	SEARCH PATROL	0739	9.3	9.3	10	019t	50	425	10, 300, 3	1 MK 17 DEPTH CHARGE 1 BRONZE SLICK 2 FLARES	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH SEARCHED FOR CRASHED PLANE AMMUNITION EXPENDED TRAINING
18	K-103	LIEUT. WOERPEL (10)	PATROL	0655	10.9	10.4	10	090t	50	500	2-18, UNL, 5-10	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
18	K-119	LT(JG) GAEBE (8)	TRAINING	0851	4.2	4.2	8	045t	45	150	5-10, UNL, 3-5	36 RDS 50 CAL.	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
18	K-119	ENS. WHALEN (8)	TRAINING	1307	4.9	4.9	8	045t	45	150	5-10, UNL, 3-5	6 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 1 FLARE 8 RDS 50 CAL. 1 MK 17 DEPTH CHARGE	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES
19	K-87	LT(JG) BABB (8)	FERRY PATROL	0737	7.9	7.9	0	CALM	50	380	0, 0-150, 0-1	60 RDS 30 CAL. 25 RDS 50 CAL. 2 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS	NAAS NORTH BEND TO NAS TILLAMOOK PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
19	K-103	LIEUT. KELLY (9)	SEARCH PATROL	0657	9.4	9.4	6	165t	48	400	5-8, 0-150, 0-1	NONE	SEARCHED FOR PILOT OF CRASHED PLANE PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
20	K-87	LT(JG) BABB (8)	FERRY PATROL	1109	2.4	2.4	5	000t	70	140	4-8, 150-400, 1-3	NONE	FERRIED K-87 TILLAMOOK TO NAAS NORTH BEND. PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
20	K-87	LT(JG) CHRISLER (8)	FERRY PATROL	1342	3.1	3.1	10	325t	50	130	10, 200, 1	NONE	PATROLED NAAS NORTH BEND TO NAS TMK. PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
20	K-103	LT(JG) HARPER (9)	PATROL	1105	5.1	4.2	2	340t	50	245	1-3, 100-300, 0-1	42 RDS 50 CAL.	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
21	K-71	LT. COMDR. ODELL (11)	TEST	1326	1.1	1.1	10	225t	45	45	10, 6-2000, 3-25	NONE	TESTED ENGINES AND SHIPS CONTROLS
21	K-87	LT(JG) MACKEY (8)	FERRY PATROL	1320	4.4	4.4	8	250t	40	170	8, 500, 0-1, FOG	60 RDS 30 CAL.	FERRIED K-87 NAS TMK. TO NAAS NORTH BEND. PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
21	K-119	LIEUT. CARTON (8)	ESCORT(4)	0611	13.2	12.3	12	225t	56	620	8-17, 600-2000, 3-25	20 RDS 50 CAL. 2 FLARES	ESCORTED BB-50, BB-42, DD-473 AND DD-472
22	K-87	LT(JG) BABB (11)	PATROL	0743	10.0	9.0	18	180t	55	470	7-23, 300-UNL, 5-10	8 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 1 BRONZE SLICK	PATROLED XRAY SEVEN
22	K-103	ENS. AYERS (9)	PATROL	0834	9.4	8.5	10	120t	39	350	10, 500-2000, 2-30	60 RDS 50 CAL.	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
22	K-119	LT(JG) LEVIN (9)	PATROL	0831	9.2	8.1	15	180t	40	375	8-22, 160-3000, 4-30	3 RDS VERY SIGNALS	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
23	K-71	LT(JG) HARPER (8)	TRAINING	0854	4.4	4.4	23	180t	30	100	21-25, 400-600, 5-10	48 RDS 50 CAL. 6 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 1 FLARE	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
23	K-71	LT(JG) KLICK (9)	TRAINING	1324	4.3	4.3	10	180t	50	200	10, 1500, 10	NONE	CONDUCTED EMERGENCY DRILLS
23	K-87	LT(JG) MACKEY (8)	PATROL	0729	9.7	9.2	15	180t	45	410	10-20, 300, 200 YDS".	31 RDS. 50 CAL.	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
23	K-103	LT(JG) PRIEST (10)	PATROL	0706	10.8	10.2	23	180t	42	445	20-30, 2-3000, 5-10	50 RDS 50 CAL.	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
24	K-71	LIEUT. CARTON (9)	TRAINING	0901	4.1	4.1	11	000t	40	150	10-12, 0-UNL, 0-20, FOG	24 RDS 50 CAL. 1 DYE MARKER 6 FLARES 2 BRONZE SLICKS 1 MK 17 DEPTH CHARGE	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES
24	K-71	LT(JG) ZDRALE (11)	TRAINING	1310	3.7	3.7	10	000t	40	120	10, 0-100, 0-5, FOG	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
24	K-87	LT(JG) BABB (10)	FERRY PATROL	0735	24.4	24.4	8	010t	48	480	5-11, 200-UNL, 1-15	2 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 1 MK 17 DEPTH CHARGE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH. FERRIED K-87 NAAS NORTH BEND TO NAS TMK. AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES
24	K-103	LIEUT. GUSTAFSON (9)	PATROL	0700	28.1	9.4	4	140t	43	428	4, UNL, 20	1 FLARE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
26	K-71	LIEUT. WOERPEL (10)	PATROL	0705	9.2	9.0	20	180t	35	330	15-25, 5-8000, 5-10	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
26	K-87	LT(JG) LEVIN (9)	PATROL	0724	9.5	8.7	20	150t	35	350	20, 3000, 8	18 MK 23 PRACT BOMBS 5 BRONZE SLICKS 3 FLARES	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
26	K-119	LT(JG) BIRKMIRE (12)	TEST	0912	4.3	4.3	20	180t	45	180	18-22, 5-8000, 5-10	NONE	TESTED ENGINES AND SHIP CONTROLS
27	K-71	LT(JG) ZIMEL (10)	ESCORT (1)	0413	16.5	15.8	15	150t	48	200	7-30, 0-UNL, 5-25	3 FLARES 1 MK 23 PRAC BOMB	ESCORTED APA USS GRANT
27	K-87	LT(JG) BABB (8)	FERRY PATROL	0702	4.9	4.9	7	050t	47	230	2-12, 100-UNL, 0-5	1 MK 17 BOMB	FERRIED K-87 TILLAMOOK TO NORTH BEND. PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH. BOMB DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
27	K-87	LT(JG) BABB (8)	FERRY PATROL	1320	4.4	4.4	18	225t	40	210	16-25, 100-UNL, 1-3	NONE	FERRIED K-87 NORTH BEND TO TMK, PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH

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DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS IN AIR	HOURS ON MISSION	AVE. WIND VEL. (KTS)	AVE. WIND DIR.	SPD.	DIST.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
27	K-119	LT. COMDR. MC CANN (11)	UTILITY	0900	6.4	6.4	15	100t	40	240	15, UNL, 1-5	NONE	MADE OVERLAND FLIGHT TO PORTLAND FOR NAVY DAY CEREMONIES.
28	K-71	ENS. AYERS (8)	FERRY PATROL	0701	7.2	7.2	18	135t	30	173	15-25, 1000-UNL, 1-10	2 MK 17 BOMBS 1 FLARE	FERRIED K-71 TMK TO NORTH BEND PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH. DROPPED 2 MK17 BOMBS FOR BALLAST.
28	K-71	LT(JG) RICHARDSON (9)	FERRY	1418	2.3	2.3	40	18?t	80	160	40, UNL, 15	NONE	FERRIED K-71 NORTH BEND TO TILLAMOOK
28	K-87	LIEUT. GUSTAFSON (11)	TRAINING	0858	4.6	4.6	10	180t	30	133	10, 600-UNL, 1-10	5 BRONZE SLICKS 4 FLARES	CONDUCTED BATTLE PRACTICE
28	K-87	LT(JG) ZOELLER (7)	TRAINING	1344	1.3	1.3	18	180t	45	50	15-20, UNL, 1-10	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS
28	K-103	ENS. CUNNINGHAM (11)	TRAINING	1320	2.4	2.4	12	180t	50	105	12, UNL, 1-10	1 MK 17 DEPTH BOMB 30 RDS 50 CAL	AMMUNITION EXPENDED IN TRAINING PURPOSES
28	K-119	LT(JG) BROOKS (9)	PATROL	0703	9.9	9.3	20	135t	45	431	10-25, 1-2000, 10-20	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
29	K-71	LIEUT. ENGEL (10)	PATROL	0704	4.4	3.5	35	150t	50	175	35, 300-600, 5-10	2 MK 17 Bombs	PATROLED XRAY 6. DROPPED 2 MK 17 BOMBS FOR BALLAST
29	K-119	LT(JG) KLICK (10)	PATROL	0700	4.2	2.9	38	135t	35	125	30-40, 1-2000, 2-5	2 MK 17 BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH. DROPPED 2 MK 17 BOMBS FOR BALLAST
30	K-119	LT(JG) MACKEY (8)	FERRY	1058	3.8	3.8	32	180t	45	150	27-35, 300, 2	2 MK 17 BOMBS	FERRIED K#119 TILLAMOOK TO NORTH BEND. DROPPED 2 MK 17 BOMBS FOR BALLAST.
30	K-119	LT(JG) MACKEY (8)	FERRY	1545	2.0	2.0	23	180t	75	150	20-25, 300, 2	NONE	FERRIED K-119 NORTH BEND TO TILLAMOOK.
31	K-71	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	PATROL	0700	10.3	9.5	30	195t	42	465	23-45, 600-1500, 0-UNL	NONE	PATROLED XRAY EIGHT
31	K-103	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (9)	PATROL	0708	10.7	9.7	30	225t	50	542	20-40, UNL, 0-UNL	60 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY SIX
31	K-119	LT(JG) GAEBE (10)	PATROL	0702	10.4	9.6	30	225t	55	550	20-45, 0-2000, 0-30	NONE	PATROLED XRAY SEVEN

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SPECIAL ACCOUNTS OF ATTACKS, RESCUES, ACCIDENTS, AND OTHER EVENTS OF PARTICULAR HISTORICAL VALUE.

2 OCTOBER : THE K-119, PILOT ENGEL, WHILE ON AN ESCORT MISSION, STOOD BY AS AN AIR SEA RESCUE UNIT DURING PRACTICE RUNS OF VC SQUADRONS ON BB 55.

9 OCTOBER : DUE TO THE IMMINENT APPROACH OF UNSEASONABLE WEATHER, OPERATIONS OF THIS SQUADRON AT NAAS QUILLAYUTE, WASHINGTON, WHICH HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS AN AUXILIARY BASE, WERE SUSPENDED.

10 OCTOBER: THE K-119, PILOT LT. COMDR. PEELER, MADE A LANDING ON AND TAKEOFF FROM THE USS YORKTOWN AS PART OF THE OPERATIONS SCHEDULED UNDER COMFAIRSEATTLE TRAINING PLAN 1-44. FAIRSEATTLE OBSERVERS WERE PICKED UP AND RETURNED TO BASE.

15 OCTOBER: THE K-79 WAS FERRIED TO NAS MOFFETT FIELD, CALIFORNIA FOR MAJOR OVERHAUL.

16 OCTOBER: THE K-87, TEMPORARILY BASED AT NAAS NORTH BEND, OREGON, AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF VC-71, TOOK AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CRASH OF A TBF OF THAT SQUADRON IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREA OF COQUILLE, OREGON. DUE TO A CEILING OF BETWEEN 200 AND 300 FEET, AIRPLANES WERE NOT ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PHOTOGRAPHIC MISSION.

17 OCTOBER: THE K-87 SEARCHED FOR A CRASHED PLANE OF VC-71, RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

18 OCTOBER: THE K-87 CONDUCTED AN EIGHT HOUR SEARCH FOR THE PLANE MENTIONED UNDER ENTRY OF 17 OCTOBER, RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

19 OCTOBER: THE K-103 WAS DISPATCHED TO SEARCH FOR THE PILOTS OF TWO PLANES FROM VC-72 WHICH HAD CRASHED APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE SOUTH OF DESTRUCTION ISLAND. PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE AIRSHIP, ONE PILOT WAS RETRIEVED FROM THE WATER BY THE COAST GUARD. THE K-103 MARKED THE AREA TO BE SEARCHED WITH OIL SLICKS AND STOOD BY WHILE SURFACE CRAFT CONDUCTED FURTHER SEARCH FOR THE PILOT OF THE SECOND PLANE. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

25 OCTOBER: A FLIGHT OF 28 HOURS, 7 MINUTES, THE LONGEST IN THE HISTORY OF THIS SQUADRON, WAS COMPLETED ON THIS DATE BY THE K-103, PILOT GUSTAFSON. THE K-103 HAD STARTED A ROUTINE PATROL AT 0700 ON 24 OCTOBER, A HEAVY FOG REDUCED THE VISIBILITY TO ZERO IN THE VICINITY OF NAS TILLAMOOK, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE AIRSHIP TO LAND UNTIL 1106 ON 25 OCTOBER.

27 OCTOBER: THE K-119 MADE AN OVERLAND FLIGHT TO PORTLAND, OREGON TO PARTICIPATE IN NAVY DAY CEREMONIES CONDUCTED THERE.

28 OCTOBER: OPERATIONS WERE SUSPENDED AT NAAS NORTH BEND, OREGON, WHICH HAD BEEN USED AS AN AUXILIARY BASE, DUE TO EXPECTED WEATHER CONDITIONS.

THERE WERE NO NON-OPERATIONAL DAYS DURING THE MONTH.

AIRSHIP OPERATIONS

MISSION	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS DAY	NITE	FLIGHT HOURS IN AIR	ON MISSION	TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN
ESCORT	16		162.5	154.6	6442
ESCORT-PATROL	3		36.2	34.5	1506
PATROL	53		529.7	470.5	22345
PATROL-UTILITY					
SEARCH					
SEARCH-PATROL	2		18.7	18.7	825
TRAINING	44		158.4	158.4	5363
TRAINING-PATROL					
UTILITY	1		6.4	6.4	240
TEST	4		11.2	11.2	465
MISC.	16		92.5	73.2	3733
TOTAL	139		1015.6	927.5	40919

AIRSHIP OPERATIONS

AIRSHIP	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS DAY	NITE	AVAILABLE	FLIGHT HOURS IN AIR	ON MISSION	TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN
K- 71	28		25	205.0	192.2	8024
K- 79	23		15	122.5	118.6	4635
K- 87	29		29	256.4	226.9	10484
K- 103	25		28	198.7	170.3	7682
K- 119	34		28	233.0	219.5	10094
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TOTAL	139		125	1015.6	927.5	40919

PILOT FLIGHT DATA

PILOT CLASS	NUMBER FLIGHTS	AVE. PILOTS AS'GN'D	TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS	AVE. FLIGHT HOURS	HIGH-EST HOURS	LOW-EST HOURS
COMMAND	68	16	446.3	27.9	67.3	13.0
SENIOR	139	21	1079.0	50.2	86.4	13.6
JUNIOR	199	27	1487.8	52.8	131.4	3.6
TOTAL		64	3013.1	130.9		

NO. OF COMBAT CREWS AS'GND. LAST DAY OF MONTH — 12

NO. OF SHIPS ASSIGNED LAST DAY OF MONTH — 4

ORDNANCE EXPENDITURES

DEPTH BOMBS	28
MINIATURE BOMBS	174
.50 CALIBER MACHINE-GUN	1699
BRONZE SLICKS	36
FLOAT LIGHTS	88
PYROTECHNICS	3

NOTE: AIRSHIP OPERATIONS, AVAILABLE COLUMN - NUMBER OF DAYS EACH SHIP WAS AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS.

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